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Please deliver following message from President to

Mayor Brandt at earliest appropriate opportunity ~~next~~ morning
of October 24:

QUOTE I have Mr. Lightner's report of your comments to
him after my address to the nation last night. It was reassuring
to know of your support for the course of action we have found
it necessary to take in the Cuban situation.

The ramifications of the Cuban problem go ~~much~~ beyond
this hemisphere and the consequent developments will probably
have major implications for Berlin. These are the hard facts
and I know you are fully aware of them. But/~~is~~ it is for this
very reason that your clear and unequivocal stand is gratifying.

Yours is the type of leadership the people of West Berlin
need and will continue to need. And it is a great comfort to
us that you are the Governing Mayor of the city at this very
critical

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critical juncture. I hope we will be able to remain in constant touch to assure that everything necessary is being done to strengthen the position of the free world.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

John F. Kennedy UNQUOTE.

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